

S/he’s Seeing (It/Him)

Reviewed by JW

a²¹go²²hwa⁰hti²³ha² (It) / a²¹ji²²go²²hwa⁰hti²³ha² (Him)

/a²¹/, v.tp-o/p, Lexical Root, JW p.23, CED p.18

PRC	-go ²² hwa ⁰ hti ²² h/a ²	Present	
		ji ² go ²² hwa ⁰ hti ²³ ha ²	<i>I’m seeing it.</i>
		ji ²² go ²² hwa ⁰ hti ²³ ha ²	<i>I’m seeing him/her.</i>
		a ²¹ gi ² go ²² hwa ⁰ hti ²³ ha ²	<i>S/he’s seeing me.</i>
		hi ² go ²² hwa ⁰ hti ²³ ha ²	<i>You’re seeing it.</i>
		hi ²² go ²² hwa ⁰ hti ²³ ha ²	<i>You’re seeing him/her.</i>
		ja ² go ²² hwa ⁰ hti ²³ ha ²	<i>S/he’s seeing you.</i>
		a ²¹ go ²² hwa ⁰ hti ²³ ha ²	<i>S/he’s seeing it.</i>
		a ²¹ ji ²² go ²² hwa ⁰ hti ²³ ha ²	<i>S/he’s seeing him/her.</i>
NCMP	-go ²² hwa ⁰ hti ²² sg-	Past	
		ji ² go ²² hwa ⁰ hti ²² sgv ²³ ?i ²	<i>I was seeing it.</i>
		ji ²² go ²² hwa ⁰ hti ²² sgv ²³ ?i ²	<i>I was seeing him/her.</i>
		a ²¹ gi ² go ²² hwa ⁰ hti ²² sgv ²³ ?i ²	<i>S/he was seeing me.</i>
		hi ² go ²² hwa ⁰ hti ²² sgv ²³ ?i ²	<i>You were seeing it.</i>
		hi ²² go ²² hwa ⁰ hti ²² sgv ²³ ?i ²	<i>You were seeing him/her.</i>
		ja ² go ²² hwa ⁰ hti ²² sgv ²³ ?i ²	<i>S/he was seeing you.</i>
		a ²¹ go ²² hwa ⁰ hti ²² sgv ²³ ?i ²	<i>S/he was seeing it.</i>
		a ²¹ ji ²² go ²² hwa ⁰ hti ²² sgv ²³ ?i ²	<i>S/he was seeing him/her.</i>
CMP	-go ²² h-	Past	
	-go ²² hwa ⁰ htv ²² h-	a ²¹ gi ² go ²² hv ²³ ?i ²	<i>I saw it. (or) S/he saw me.</i>
		ji ²² go ²² hv ²³ ?i ²	<i>I saw him/her.</i>
		ja ²¹ go ²² hv ²³ ?i ²	<i>You saw it. (or) S/he saw you.</i>
		hi ²² go ²² hv ²³ ?i ²	<i>You saw him/her.</i>
		u ²¹ go ²² hv ²³ ?i ²	<i>S/he saw it.</i>
		a ²¹ ji ²² go ²² hv ²³ ?i ²	<i>S/he saw him/her.</i>
		Future	
		da ² ji ² go ²³ hi ²	<i>I will see it.</i>
		da ² ji ²² go ²³ hi ²	<i>I will see him/her.</i>
		dv ²² gi ² go ²³ hi ²	<i>S/he will see me.</i>
		ti ² go ²³ hi ²	<i>You will see it.</i>
		ti ²² go ²³ hi ²	<i>You will see him/her.</i>
		da ² ja ² go ²³ hi ²	<i>S/he will see you.</i>

		dv ²² go ²³ hi ²	S/he will see it.
		dv ²² ji ²² go ²³ hi ²	S/he will see him/her.
IMM	-go ²² hwa ² ht/a ²	Command	
		hi ² go ²² hwa ² hta ²	See it!
		Immediate Past	
		ji ² ji ² go ²² hwa ² hta ⁰	I just saw it.
		ji ² hi ² go ²² hwa ² hta ⁰	You just saw it.
		ja ²¹ go ²² hwa ² hta ⁰	S/he just saw it.
INF	-go ²² hwa ⁰ htv ² hd/i ²	Basic Infintive	
		a ²² gi ² go ²² hwa ⁰ htv ² hdi ²	For me to see it/him/her. (or) For him/her to see me.
		ja ² go ²² hwa ⁰ htv ² hdi ²	For you to see it/him/her. (or) For him/her to see you.
		u ²² go ²² hwa ⁰ htv ² hdi ²	For him/her to see it/him/her.

Notes: Verbs “See” and “Go” have irregular forms in almost all languages—Cherokee is no exception. In this case, the Processive Adverbial Suffix is necessary for all but CMP Stems, and all but the CMP use the “Finding” Morpheme /hwa²ht/. The CMP Stem also drops the “Find” morpheme in its most common form.

Root Formula:

										Approximate Literal Meanings	
/ go ²² /	+	/ hwa ² ht /	+	/ i ²² h /	+	/ a ² /	=	/ go ²² hwa ⁰ hti ²³ ha ² /	=	“[In the Process of] Finding it [by] Sight Right Now”	
See		Find		Processive		PRC					

Alternative Pronunciations: Most sources I’ve seen list the CMP Stem form as /go²²h/, an Irregular Construction that drops both the “Finding” Morpheme and the Processive Adverbial Suffix seen in the other Stem Forms. This is also the form I’ve seen most other learners use. However, George Stopp retains both in the CMP Stem—resulting in /go²²hwa⁰htv²²h/.

SENTENCES:

Hlas hyi²go²²hwa⁰hti²?

/ isn’t not / if you are seeing it /

Don’t you see it? (CED)

Adla agohvsgv duksvsdv ji²go²²hwa⁰hti²³ha².

/ rubber / it is burning / smoke / I see it /

I see smoke from burning rubber. (CED)

Eji yi²ji²²go²?v⁴⁴?i² ji²ga²li²?e²³li³²go³³?i².

/ mom / whenever I see her / I am happy /

Whenever I see mom, I’m happy.

Ayo’uhli’a asgaya adadegv ji²²go²²hwa⁰hti²³ha².

/ lame / man / he is limping / I see him /

I see a lame man limping. (CED)

Hla yi²ji²go²²hwa²hta² adlesgv’i.

/ not / I didn’t see it just now / turn-off /

I didn’t see the turn-off. (CED)

Wasohgwati tla lvhiyu yu²²go²²he³³?i².

/ camel / not / ever / he hasn’t seen it /

He’s never seen a camel.

Dijadeyohvsgidv ja²go²²hv² kilo ji²hi²²yv²³hni³lv²³?i² kohiga.
/ your teacher / he saw you / someone / that you hit him / today /
The teacher saw you hit someone today.

Wulsihgadv, tla yi²gv²²gi²go⁴⁴hwa⁰htv²hdi²³?i².
/ definitely it's too[†] dark / not / I'm unable to see /
It's too dark—I can't see.

RELATED WORDS: “Finding Oneself Somewhere,” a²¹da²²hwa²htv²²hi²³do³²ha², No. 006; “S/he’s Visiting (Him),” a²¹ji²²hwa²htv²²hi²³do³²ha², No. 114; “S/he’s Finding (It, Him) – Neutral, Living,” a²¹hwa²hti³ha², No. 113; “S/he’s Finding (It) – Long,” a²¹yv²²hwa²hti³ha², No. 306; “S/he’s Finding (It) – Flexible,” ga²na³²hwa⁰hti³ha², No. 463; “S/he’s Finding (It) - Liquid,” ga²ne²²hwa²hti³ha², No. 073.

[†] In adjectival contexts like this, the /wi²/ Prefix denotes a “too” or “excessive” meaning. This is because the /wi²/ Prefix already denotes long, far distances. In this way, the /wi²/ Prefix suggests the adjectival quality is “beyond” or “far away”—thus, excessive. “Beyond” what is sufficient. “Too much.”